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Manurial value of paddy husk.

* 198 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any research has been made into the manurial value of paddy husk and groundnut shell, both raw and burnt ;

(*b*) if so, for what crops will they be useful as manure ; and

(*c*) if no research has been done, whether the Government propose to have any research work done?

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) Manurial trials conducted by the Agricultural Department with groundnut husk and analyses of both raw and burnt groundnut shell as well as paddy husk have proved that they are not useful as manure as their manurial value is negligible. A report[a] submitted from the Director of Agriculture in the matter is placed on the table of the House."

[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.

II.—GOVERNMENT RECOGNITION OF SERVICE ASSOCIATIONS.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" The hon. Member Mr. Abdul Latif Farookhi Sahib has asked for a half-hour debate on the subject of Question No. 187, namely, recognition of Service Associations. Can it be taken up at the end of the day? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I am afraid, Sir, a debate on this question is very untimely to say the least when the Government and the Associations are in the middle of a fight and the Associations are negotiating for withdrawing the strike. I do not know whether it is to the advantage of the services themselves that this matter should be debated in the House. I am afraid, Sir, I have to oppose it."

* ABDUL LATIF FAROOKHI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" I feel, Sir, that this discussion instead of marring the chances of a compromise between the Government and the services will certainly enhance the chances of compromise. That is my feeling. It is entirely in your hands Mr. President, because under Rule 14, the discretion is vested in you. I submit it is better we have a discussion."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I leave it entirely to you, Sir, because it is a matter where we are in the midst of negotiations and it is a question whether it is worthwhile having a discussion in this House. It will complicate matters and perhaps postpone the decision further. It will not serve the purpose for which it is meant."

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Sir, it is a matter entirely in your discretion, but I should like to point out that what ought to determine the exercise of your discretion is the matter of public interest. Generally half-hour debates are allowed if answers

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 267 infra.